Titusville Amateur Radio Club

TARC NEWSLETTER

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President's Corner

The Amateur's Code #1 – The Amateur Radio Operator is considerate... he never knowingly uses the "ham" bands so as to lessen the pleasure of others! You sometimes come across the heckler or deliberate QRM'er, particularly on 75 and 20 meters. These gross individuals enjoy the attention their foolishness stir up. They can't stand to be ignored, but that's your best bet in discouraging them. Don't stoop to their level -- ostracize, not verbalize. They may get lonely enough to give up ham radio and write letters to the editor as a new hobby!

We tested the antenna installed on the Titusville Police Department's tower and got good coverage all over town using handheld transceivers at the base station and in the mobile units. We now have a proven capability to provide communications assistance to the community if it ever needed.

Remember to reserve the 25th of September when you can bring the whole gang along to Family Night -- more about this later.

Swap Table – Yes, we'll have one (or more) at every meeting! Bring your junk (another person's treasure) and try to sell or swap it. Bring all those old magazines and other stuff you were ready to throw out anyway. Who knows -- somebody might want it. Our only stipulation is -- if you can't sell or give it away -- you have to take it back home before we lock the door. You can also display your 3"x5" card of "Looking For" or "For Sale" items that were too heavy to bring or you were too lazy to tote. Of course we're talking about "Ham" gear so don't expect to peddle old kitchen sinks, Model 'T' parts, or Teen Age Mutant Turtles! If you are able to make a good deal you could consider a donation to the club kitty.

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Upcoming Events

> **August 28** – next TARC meeting, 7 p.m., JayCees Building on Singleton Ave.
> September 25 – TARC Family Night, 6 p.m., JayCees Building.
> Every Thursday night – TARC Friendship Net, 7 p.m., 146.91 MHz (–600).
> 3rd Saturday of each month – SBARC / ARRL exams, 9:30 a.m. registration, FIT room Q11 in The Quad (under ham radio mast). For info call Bill Newkirk, WB9IVR, phone 724–6183.
> **September 14 – Deadline** for articles to be included in the September edition of the *TARC Newsletter.*

Officers

President: Bob Nedimeyer W4VQB 269–1878
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Secretary: Doug Reed N4QVY 268–1934
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Minutes of the July 24 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bob, W4VQB, at 7:04 p.m. and led those present to the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Doug, N4QVY, and accepted by those present. Clyde, K4EOS, noted that the treasury had $204.88 bank balance plus an additional $60.00 future deposit, and $31.96 in petty cash. Field day expenses were $99.79. Major previous expenses were $158 for repeater crystals, $140.35 for a repeater antenna, and $27 for TPD tower antenna bracket materials. The treasury report was accepted by those present.

Bob announced the following: TARC has received the Federal Employee Number. Checkout of the TPD communications setup had not been accomplished.

Members introduced themselves. Guests were James and Donna Clark and John Phillips, KA4WIQ.

Bob mentioned that the Executive Committee held a meeting on July 23 to decide on certain issues:

Novice / Technician classes would be held this Fall, probably 1 night a week for 2 hours. 10 weeks duration for Novice and an additional 3 weeks for Technician. Larry, WB9MFJ asked how the public would be informed. Bob said that notices would be sent to newspapers, high schools, BCC, the senior center, and TCI cable TV. Cost of the class materials would be $19, and the cost of the classes would be

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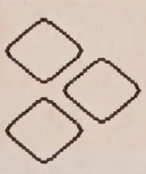

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Article / classified deadline is two Fridays prior to the date of the monthly meeting.

Articles may be given to the editor, Doug - N4QVY, at the IHOP on net nights, or left with Bud - K4CWG, where it will hopefully make its way to the aforementioned editor.

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Corner...

If you haven't paid your dues... sorry, this may be your last issue. We don't have enough circulation to get the cheap mail rates so we pay first class to send our monthly newsletter. That figures out to be $3.00 a year, plus stapling and stamp licking. You are still welcome to a free copy at the meetings or other distribution means, but not via U.S.P.S unless your dues are paid up. Sounds fair to me -- how about you?

See you at the meeting on Tuesday.

The Editor's Desk by Doug Reed - N4QVY

It's been an *interesting* past few days. Mother Nature paid a visit last Saturday afternoon, entering via the Ringo Ranger. Its journey took it through a Ramsey 2M amp, a Kenwood bidirectional coupler, sparked the end of the coax, detoured through the power supply driving the amp, pulverizing the fuse to glass dust. It also paid a visit to the color TV, the answering machine, the VCR, the phone line, the outside phone line, and the computer. If you haven't done so already, check your mast grounding and coax lightening protectors. And don't be afraid to unplug your valuables. 73 and see you at the meeting.

Minutes...

determined by the cost of securing the facilities.

A Family night would be held in September in place of the regular meeting at 6 p.m. Spouses and kids invited for free food (hotdogs). A committee consisting of Val, WB4ZUZ, Wynn, WB4ZUY, Bud, K4CWG, Larry, and Clyde would organize the event.

Les, K4SJC, gave the repeater report: the GE receiver is being used at the site in place of the Hamtronics unit. Wayne, KB4YLY, built two 3 element beams for the 440 MHz link. 50 to 75 feet of 9913 coax was needed for the 440 link. 31/91 crystals were on order. Les estimated that it would take about 6 weeks for everything to be up and running.

Field Day comments: Bob said that the general consensus is that enjoyment is emphasized over serious points gathering. Next April the club would have a special committee meeting to organize for the next event, with teams created to set up specific bands given top emphasis.

Bob requested more input for the newsletter, such as articles, gossip, and classifieds. Also swap tables would be set up at meetings. Demographics of our club: 6 Novices, 22 Technicians, 19 Generals, 32 Advanced, and 8 Extras.

Larry asked if anyone would be interested in club T-shirts. Larry will check on pricing.

Wynn suggested that the club have a Novice transmitter / receiver / transceiver available for loan to member Novices and Technicians.

Bill Young, N4DQT, recommended contacting the Boy Scouts for possible students for classes. Bud reminded all about the upcoming Jacksonville Hamfest. Pike discussed the TPD project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully, Doug Reed

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GL 73 SEE YOU AT CLUB MEETING